

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Stafford	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: GARI MELCHERS HOME			
AND/OR HISTORIC: BELMONT			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 226 Washington Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Falmouth			
STATE Virginia 22401	CODE 51	COUNTY: Stafford	CODE 179

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Memorial and</u> <u>Art Center</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Commonwealth of Virginia			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE: Virginia 23219	CODE 51	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Stafford County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Stafford	STATE: Virginia 22401	CODE 51	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: HABS			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D.C.	CODE 11	

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

a. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Melchers was a landscape and portrait painter who painted "The Arts of War" and "The Arts of Peace" for the Library of Congress. The two-story white frame house "Belmont" which is on a high ridge overlooking the Rappahannock River, was Melchers' home from 1916 until his death in 1932. It is owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia and is operated by Mary Washington College.

b. BOUNDARIES: To reach from Fredericksburg, take Route 1 toward Falmouth. After crossing the Rappahannock River make a left turn at very first opportunity and then drive back in direction of the river for approximately 50 feet; thence right on Washington Street for approximately 600 feet to Geri Melchers' house "Belmont."

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☒ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education

☐ Political

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Engineering

☐ Religion/Phi-

☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Historic

☐ Industry

☐ Philosophy

☐ Agriculture

☐ Invention

☒ Science

☐ Architecture

☐ Landscape

☐ Sculpture

☒ Art

☐ Architecture

☐ Social/Human-

☐ Commerce

☐ Literature

☐ itarian

☐ Communications

☐ Military

☐ Theater

☐ Conservation

☐ Music

☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The original portion of Belmont was erected around 1761 by John Dixon of Williamsburg. In 1825 it was purchased by Joseph Ficklin of Stafford County, who enlarged the central portion of the dwelling and added a wing. Ownership of Belmont remained with the Ficklin family until the house was purchased by Gari Melchers the famous American artist.

The imposing frame structure, with its beautiful grounds and commanding position, serves as an architectural focal point for the historic community of Falmouth. Also, Belmont's association with Gari Melchers has made the house an important cultural landmark.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Frank S. Melvin		
ORGANIZATION Virginia State Office, National Park Service	DATE 6/30/72	
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 10008		
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE Virginia 23240	CODE 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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